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SUBJECT: USG OBSERVER DEL TO UNESCO CONFERENCE OF AFRI-
CAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, LAGOS, NIGERIA, JANUARY 27-
FEBRUARY 4, 1976

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1. RE COMPOSITION OF US OBSERVER DELEGATION TO SUBJECT
CONFERENCE OUTLINED IN REFTEL, USDEL FEELS STRONGLY THAT
IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO INCLUDE AN OBSERVER FROM
THIS DEL AS WELL.

2. USDEL APPRECIATES DEPT'S INTEREST IN POLITICAL RE-
PORTING STEMMING FROM CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS; IN ADDI-
TION, HOWEVER, USDEL'S INTEREST IS PRIMARILY IN THE SUB-
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STANTIVE DELIBERATIONS OF THIS IMPORTANT EDUCATION

MEETING, I.E.; IN PARTICULAR,

(A) POTENTIAL POLICY CHANGES IN ASSISTANCE TO AND IN AFRICAN MEMBER STATES TO COPE WITH QUANTITATIVE EXPANSION AND NEED FOR RENEWAL OF EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY CONSIDERING BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS, REALISTIC OBJECTIVES, REAL WORK-RELATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ADAPTATION OF PROMOTION CRITERIA, AND HIGHER EDUCATION'S ROLE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT;

(B) DISSEMINATION, PLANNING AND UTILIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INNOVATIONS AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS;

(C) DELIBERATIONS IN AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION ON BASIC EDUCATION AND MASS EDUCATION IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT, I.E.: CONTENT, STRUCTURE, METHODS, AND LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION OF BASIC EDUCATION; TRAINING OF TEACHERS; ORGANIZATION OF POST-BASIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; ADAPTATION OF EXAMINATION SYSTEMS; AND ROLE OF MASS MEDIA;

(D) DELIBERATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO INSTITUTIONAL NETWORKS, UNESCO'S COOPERATION AND ACTIVITIES, AND PRIORITY AREAS FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE.

3. WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT THAT USDEL HAVE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUITY TO PLAN FOR AND OPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE FUTURE WITH UNESCO SECRETARIAT AND AFRICAN DELEGATIONS TO UNESCO. WE BELIEVE SUCH SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE IS ALSO OF IMPORTANCE AND INTEREST TO THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY INCLUDING USOE.

4. USDEL RESPECTFULLY REITERATES ITS INTEREST IN SENDING ITS OBSERVER TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. IF ATTENDANCE CAUSES FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES TO DEPT, USDEL WOULD LIKE TO REMIND DEPT THAT WHEN NEW EDUCATIONAL ATTACHE WAS ASSIGNED TO USDEL, USOE TRANSFERRED \$4,000 FOR FY 1976 TO DEPT FOR HIS OFFICIAL TRAVEL. AT THIS TIME NO MORE THAN \$400 HAS BEEN SPENT FROM THAT TRAVEL FUND.
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USDEL CAN SEE NO BETTER INVESTMENT OF THOSE FUNDS IN NEXT FIVE MONTHS.

5. DEPT'S REPLY IS URGENTLY REQUESTED.

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